

II. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of making a dry powder composition for pulmonary inhalation, the method comprising spray drying a pharmaceutically active agent in a spray dryer to produce active particles, wherein the step of spray drying active agent is spray dried using a spray drier comprising a means for further includes producing droplets moving at a controlled velocity.

Claim 2 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the velocity of droplets at 5mm from their point of generation is less than 20m/s.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the spray drier comprises an ultrasonic nebuliser.

Claim 4 (original): A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the output of each single nebuliser unit is greater than 5cc/min.

Claim 5 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the output of each single nebuliser unit is greater than 10cc/min.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein 90% of the resulting dried particles have a size of less than 5 μ m, as measured by laser diffraction.

Claim 7 (original): A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein 90% of the resulting dried particles have a size of less than 2.5 μ m, as measured by laser diffraction.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,

wherein the step of spray drying comprises co-spray drying the active agent ~~is co-spray dried~~ with a force control agent.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the force control agent is selected from the group consisting of an amino acid, a phospholipid or and a metal stearate.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the force control agent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of leucine, lysine and cysteine and combinations thereof.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8-10~~ claim 8, wherein a blend of active agent and force control agent is spray dried, and the blend is a solution.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8-11~~ claim 8, wherein a blend of active agent and force control agent is spray dried, and the blend is a suspension.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the active agent and force control agent are spray dried from an aqueous solution or suspension.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the step of spray drying active agent is co-spray dried comprises co-spray drying the active agent with a force control agent to produce dry particles comprising up to 20% w/w force control agent.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the method further comprises adjusting the moisture content of the spray dried particles.

Claim 16 (original): A dry powder composition for pulmonary inhalation, wherein the composition is spray dried and comprises particles of a pharmaceutically active material having a

force control agent concentrated on the surfaces of the particles.

Claim 17 (original): A composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the composition comprises no more than 20% w/w of an additive which acts as a force control agent.

Claim 18 (currently amended) A composition as claimed in ~~either of claims~~ claim 16 and 17, wherein at least 90% of the particles in the composition have a size of less than 5 μ m, as measured by laser diffraction.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 16-18~~ claim 16, wherein the composition has a fine particle fraction of at least 40%, ~~at least 50%, at least 60% or at least 70%.~~

Claim 20 (currently amended): A composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 16-19~~ claim 16, wherein the composition has a density greater than 0.1g/cc.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 16-20~~ claim 16, wherein the particles are prepared using a method as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 22 (new): A composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the composition has a fine particle fraction of at least 50%.

Claim 23 (new): A composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the composition has a fine particle fraction of at least 60%.

Claim 24 (new): A composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the composition has a fine particle fraction of at least 70%.